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SUBJ: COUNCIL OF EUROPE DRUG INITIATIVE

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1. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING IN STRASBOURG, APRIL 5-13, FAVORABLY CONSIDERED PROPOSAL TO CREATE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP UNDER COUNCIL AUSPICES TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AMONG SEVENTEEN MEMBER STATES ON DRUG ABUSE AND MEASURES TO COMBAT IT. ACCORDING TO PARTICIPANTS, CONSENSUS TO FORM WORKING GROUP REACHED AMONG MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND IN ACCORD WITH WHO AND EEC. FINAL DECISION POSTPONED TO PERMIT STUDY OF NEW AND SPECIFIC BRITISH PROPOSAL. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES EXPECT ACTION BY END OF JUNE.

2. PROPOSAL FOR WORKING GROUP CAME FROM DRUG SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED BY COUNCIL IN STRASBOURG IN 1972. LIKE SYMPOSIUM, WORKING GROUP WOULD BE MULTIDISCIPLINARY, TREATING LEGAL, SOCIAL, MEDICAL AND CRIMINAL FACETS OF PROBLEM. NOT CLEAR WHETHER WORKING GROUP WOULD BE PARALLEL TO POMPIDOU INITIATIVE COMMITTEES OR WHETHER THIS MIGHT BE SOLUTION FORE SHADOWED PARA 3, REF C.

3. SEVERAL U. S. OBSERVERS, INCLUDING WHITE HOUSE ADVISOR EGBERG, ATTENDED COUNCIL DRUG SYPOSIUM LAST YEAR. THUS
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FAR, COUNCIL HAS NOT CONSIDERED QUESTION OF U. S. PARTICIPATION
IN WORKING GROUP, BUT, WE BELIEVE, WOULD BE OPEN TO SOME
DEGREE OF U. S. INVOLVEMENT, PARTICUTO HAVE OECD CONCENCENTRATE FOR TIME
BEING ON
MORE FACTUAL STUDIES OF PROBLEM AS BASIS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE
INITIATIVES. MFA IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON STUDY OF FOREIGN
POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED IN ENERGY SITUATION FOR USE IN FUTURE
EC AND OECD DELIBERATIONS.

3. DUTCH WILL REVIEW ENERGY PROBLEM IN INTERDEPARTMENTAL
MEETING ON MAY 3 IN PREPARATION FOR MAY 8 OECD OIL COMMITTEE
MEETING AND MAY 22 EC COUNCIL MEETING ON ENERGY.

4. VAN SCHAIK STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING JAPANESE
THOROUGHLY IN LINE WITH OTHER OECD MEMBERS IN ANY DISCUSSIONS
OF OIL SUPPLY PROBLEM.

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